



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Draft Minutes

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Date of Assembly 5 / 22 / 19 Start Time: (Commence): 7:00 PM

Location: Miller Center Finish Time: (Adjourn): 9:00 PM

Note taker: Hannah Carpino Please forward these official minutes to: _____

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Chris Trombly, Eric Corbman, Jeff Clark, Ericka Redic, Jenna O'Donnell, Jeff Comstock, Ryon Frink, James Loop

Discussion Topics

- Winooski Ave Corridor Study
- Senior center
- Engagement with elected officials

Actions Taken / Decisions Made

Agenda Items and Actions:

Introductions and Announcements:

- Fletcher Free Lib summer paperback book sale is June 7th 8th and 9th. Hundreds of books for sale, all \$1.
- Carina Driscoll- Coordinated the NNE Community Dinner before meeting, about 50 people showed up. Lots of people volunteered, thank you for your help. If you want to volunteer, we will start up again in September with the meetings.
- Ericka Redic- Appointed as new legislative liaison for Convention of States, which is a constitutional group, where states call on US government to balance budget and institute term limits

Brian Davis, CCRPC- Winooski Ave Corridor Study:

-Presentation available online

<https://www.ccrpcvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/PAC-Meeting-5-Presentation-190326.pdf>

- Comprehensive transportation study of entire Winooski Ave, looking to improve safety, capacity, and connectivity.
- Trying to balance mobility as well as parking needs
- In the middle of NPA tour, upcoming open house on June 4th at the Old North End Event Hall. Display of plan will remain at Fletcher Free library.
- Major concerns are Main St to Pearl St section, which can be dangerous/stressful to travel
- Existing: sidewalks on both sides, some one-way sections, some parking
- Areas of focus: shared lanes between Riverside and Union, one-way section between Union and Pearl, four lane section between Pearl and Man, bicycle lane gap between Main and Maple
- Difficult area near City Market/parking garage, trying to make that area easier for turning

- Plans do not have money estimates yet- as plans become more specific, funding will be figured out
- Different plans experiment with addition of bike lanes, subtraction of some parking, one way vs two way flow of traffic and more

Ethan Allen Residence

- 1200 North Ave, across from old DMV
- Non-profit residential care home, average age of residence is 80
- Most residents have some form of dementia. Nursing care, meals, and housekeeping services are provided
- Created more Medicaid beds in town to provide care for elders without private assets
- Focusing on engaging, not entertaining residents
- Old North End Farmer's Market- launching Vermont's first inter-generational farm stand. Local students come bake and harvest with residents, and sell products at the market.
- Trying to expand community meal program and kitchen to better serve other senior centers in area, livingwell.org has more information

Burlington Police Department

- Wanted to get to know members of Wards 4 and 7, take questions
- If you see something, say something! This is not just for large-scale crime- check in on any behavior in the neighborhood that seems out of the ordinary
- Summer can be challenging time- noise, fires, lots of new residents moving in and out
- Open-container policy: no drinking in public, violation of civil ordinance. City Council passed a law where after a certain number of offenses, it becomes a criminal issue.
- Cannot comment on ongoing litigation or investigations. Mayor has promised that BPD will revisit use-of-force policies. Policy pre-dates Chief del Pozo.

Engagement with Elected Officials

- Franklin Paulino, North District City Councilor

- Engaging in budget meetings, have had four meetings so far where city departments give presentations for upcoming budget

- Heineberg Senior Center requesting \$58,000 continuous contribution from city to keep it running

- Tomorrow there is a Transportation, Utilities and Energy Committee meeting at 7:30, main item is e-scooters and electric bikes.

- Proposing an additional sub-committee to Police Commission to look at issue of racial profiling.

-Bob Hooper, State Representative

- Marijuana bill died in Ways and Means committee

- Two versions of minimum wage bill from House and Senate

- Clean water bill has been funded. Money flowing into lake clean-up soon. Division in rooms and meals tax, as well as general funds, will go towards clean water.

- Discussion about new jail to replace women's jail in South Burlington.

- School water testing was passed between Senate and House Bill, agreed on 4 parts per million.

- Tobacco consumption age was raised from 18 to 21

- Fair and impartial policing bills were brought up, but nothing came of either.

-Kurt Wright

- Served on Senior Center Study Committee, hopes that the administration does not oppose funding for center. They deliver incredible services to seniors across New North End and city. Will become partnership between Center and city.

- Vermont City Marathon this weekend is still looking for volunteers- they need 1,700 and have only 1,200 so far.

- Bike path from downtown through New North End is finished and repaved.

- Permit reform is moving forward. Building Code and Zoning will become one department, and system will be streamlined.

- Concern is growing about CityPlace. Brookfield will not commit to a date for foundation to be poured.

- Camping and drinking occurring illegally in Leddy Park. Police need to enforce what's going on.

- Lighted crosswalks on North Ave currently being installed

-Monica Ivancic, School Board Commissioner for Ward 7:

- School board will now meet twice a month instead of once.

- School calendar has been released for next year. Debate over MLK Day, and addition of Yom Kippur as a holiday.

- Superintendent wants to implement day of service for MLK Day, with half a day of school for students.

- Both magnet schools are switching principals, and also switching mag